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1. The Talpa factory employs between 1,300 and 1,400 workers, and manufactures between 40,000 and 50,000 pairs of shoes per month.

2. Until 1 January 1951 the factory used inferior leather for the manufacture of shoes; better grade finished leather was selected by military inspectors and removed to be worked on elsewhere.

3. Since 1 January 1951 the factory has been utilizing rubber strips from used automobile tires. Informant was unable to give the point of origin of the material, but it was brought to the factory in army trucks. Since the rubber strips are very difficult to work, shoe production has dropped to 15,000 pairs per month.

4. The factory is guarded by some 70 Paza (civil guard) and fire brigade personnel. Although the guard was increased in 1951, no special fire prevention or fire extinguishing apparatus has been added.

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